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**Former Bank Head
Pleads Guilty in
Bugging Conspiracy**

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C., Nov. 7 (AP)—Edwin Duncan Jr., former chairman of the board of Northwestern Bank, pleaded guilty today to conspiring to electronically monitor the conversations of FBI agents in the bank's Wilkesboro headquarters.

U. S. Attorney H. M. (Mickey) Michaux said that in a plea-bargaining arrangement, a second count of the Sept. 8 indictment charging actual bugging of the agents was dropped.

Michaux said the plea bargaining was subject to the approval of U. S. District Court Judge Hiram Ward, who on Friday is scheduled to sentence Duncan on the conspiracy charge and on two other charges to which he had pleaded guilty earlier.

The other charges involved bugging agents of the Internal Revenue Service who were investigating the bank, and misapplying \$257,000 dollars of the bank's money. The latter charge stemmed from Duncan's allegedly writing personal checks with insufficient funds, then depositing the money to cover them later.